GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:18.11.2002
SARDAR SAROVAR PROJECT
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share for construction of Sardar Sarovar Projecthas not been paid by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra to the Government of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the net amount of share to be paid by the State Governments, separately;

(c) the reasons for non-payment; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to ask the State Governments to pay their share to the Government of Gujarat?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.1 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.11.2002 REGARDING SARDAR SAROVAR PROJECT

(a) to (d) As per the provisions contained in the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT)Award, the participating States are required to pay annually in advance their share cost on the basis of the budgeted amount of the year to be adjusted at the end of the year based on actual expenditure. Subsequently, a decision has been taken in Sardar Sarovar Construction AdvisoryCommittee (SSCAC) withthe consent of all the participating States that States would release the payment in advance on quarterly basis, based on annual budgetary provisions, instead of yearly.

Of the total undisputed project expenditure of Rs.9735.24 crore at the end of August, 2002, the total share of each of the party states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra is Rs.1284.04 crore, Rs.445.55 crore and Rs.608.24 crore respectively. The three party states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthanand Maharashtra have paid an amount of Rs.781.53 crore, Rs.125.95 crore and Rs.478.44 crore respectively. The outstanding share of these states of the undisputed share cost of Sardar Sarovar Project as on 31st August, 2002 is as under:

Madhya Pradesh	-	Rs. 502.51 crore.
Rajasthan	-	Rs. 319.60 crore
Maharashtra	-	Rs. 129.80 crore
Total	-	Rs. 951.91 crore

As informed by the States, the main reason for non payment ofthe undisputed share cost of the project expenditure by the party States has been financial constraint. The Union Government has been making considerable effort and has been constantly pursuing through the various forums such as review Committee of Narmada Control Authority(RCNCA),Meeting of Cabinet Secretary with Chief Secretaries of the states, Narmada Control Authority (NCA) and Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee to persuade the party States to fulfil their financial obligation by making payments of share cost to the State of Gujarat. This issue was also discussed in last RCNCA meeting held on 18-8-2001 underthe Chairmanship of Union Minister of Water Resourcesand SSCAC meeting held on 27-06-2002.

As a result of these efforts a sum of more than Rs.400 crore has been released by the States to the Government of Gujarat during the

last four years.